

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for determining contamination in a printer (10), especially from a fixing aid, said method comprising the steps of:

recording detecting marks (4) on a print conveyor belt (1) of a printer (10);

detecting the detecting marks (4)

determining a register error from the recorded detecting marks (4); determining contamination from a fixing aid by evaluation of the above determined register error of a print of printer (10); and

after reaching a certain level of register error, effecting a cleaning run of the printer (10).

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) Method of determining contamination from a fixing aid according to Claim 1, wherein in multicolor printing, the register error of each color is determined.

5. (Currently Amended) Method of determining contamination from a fixing aid according to Claim 1, wherein in contamination of the printer (10) is determined by evaluation of the register error in the transport direction of conveyor belt (1) of printer (10).

6. (Currently Amended) Printer comprising:
a device for recording detecting marks (4) on a conveyor belt (1)
transported through a printer (10);

a sensor (13) for detecting the detecting marks (4);
a control device (20) for controlling the printer (10), said control
device determining a register error of a print from the recorded detecting marks
(4), and determining contamination of the printer (10) from a fixing aid by for
evaluation of the register error for determining contamination of the printer (10),
especially by a fixing aid ; and

after reaching a certain level of register error, effecting a cleaning
run of the conveyor belt (1) of the printer (10)

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